

# caa news

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## 2012 Baseball / Softball Registration Information

Registration starts now for the 2012 season for children interested in participating in CAA Baseball and Softball Programs. Parents can now register online at [www.playcaasports.com](http://www.playcaasports.com). **Register early!** On-line registration will close on **March 16th** for players who will be 9 and older and **April 1st** for players who will be 5 to 8 years old. If you have any questions about our Baseball or Softball programs, please contact the respective Sports Directors:

Director of Baseball - Patrick Deagan - [copleybaseball@gmail.com](mailto:copleybaseball@gmail.com)

Director of Softball - Rob Whitehouse - [robwhitehouse@roadrunner.com](mailto:robwhitehouse@roadrunner.com)

### Age Cutoff

Birth date cutoff for eligibility will be April 30. The age you are on April 30, 2012 will determine your league of play. **CAA encourages every child to play with their appropriate age group. However, all requests to play up should be made in writing to either the Director of Baseball or Director of Softball.**

### Baseball/Softball Player Evaluations

Mandatory player evaluation dates for all H, G, F, American, National and Junior league players are scheduled in March at the Copley-Fairlawn Middle School. All participants registered by the applicable due dates are guaranteed a spot in their appropriate league. Player evaluations are performed to assist the coaches and league commissioners on drafting teams to maximize fairness. Please arrive a few minutes early for check in. Players are to bring their glove and wear tennis shoes. See the information below for dates, times, and locations within the building. **There are no evaluations for I-league and T-ball (Ages 5-8).**

League	If you are the age below by April 30, 2012	Tryout – approx 90 minutes in duration		
		Date	Time	Location
<b>Boys</b>				
F	13/14	Fri 3/23	6:00pm	MS North Gym
G	12	Tues 3/20	6:00pm	MS North Gym
G	11	Wed 3/21	6:00pm	MS North Gym
H	10	Tues 3/20	6:00pm	MS South Gym
H	9	Wed 3/21	6:00pm	MS South Gym
<b>Girls</b>				
Junior	13/14	Fri 3/23	6:00pm	MS South Gym
National	11/12	Thur 3/22	6:00pm	MS North Gym
American	9/10	Thur 3/22	6:00pm	MS South Gym

### Season Length / # of Games:

Following is the expected season length and number of games, weather permitting. Every effort is given to coordinate schedules with Spring Soccer. Weekday games typically start at 6:00pm and Saturday game times vary.

League	Start Date	End Date	Number of Games
<b>BOYS</b>			
F-league	April 28	July 14	18-20
G-league	April 28	July 14	18-20
H-league	April 28	June 30	14-16
Coach Pitch	May 19	June 30	10-12
T-Ball (co-ed)	May 19	June 30	10-12
<b>GIRLS</b>			
Junior	April 28	July 14	18-20
National	April 28	July 14	18-20
American	April 28	July 14	18-20
I-league	May 19	June 30	10-12

### Coach Pitch (I-league) / T-Ball

Our Coach Pitch and Tee Ball Seasons start a little later than the other leagues to limit conflicts with Spring Soccer. Once teams are formed, coaches may begin to pull the teams together for practices. When the season begins, the teams will play twice each week. Game day will begin with a 30-45 minute team practice, followed by a 60 minute game.

Our philosophy is to utilize the "T" in T-ball. The T is a fundamental teaching tool for both the batter and the fielders. All coaches and teams will use the T the entire season. We have expanded our birth date cutoff for T-ball to August 31. That is, if you turn 5 during the summer and are at least 5 on August 31, 2012, there's a spot waiting for your child on one of our fun teams.

### E-League (High School Players)

In 2012, CAA will sponsor our 4th season of E-league Baseball. Our teams play in a League hosted by Revere that includes communities such as Revere, Green, Highland and Wadsworth. The intent is to give the High School players an opportunity to play baseball at an affordable price, yet have the flexibility to do the other things they want to do during the summer. **The registration deadline for E-league is April 1.** The number of teams will depend upon the number of players that sign up and the number of Parents available to coach. Everyone that registers prior to the deadline will be placed on a team. The season is expected to run from the last week in May to the middle of July.

## Baseball Umpire's Needed

If you have (or know) a high-school or middle-school student that would like to earn money by umpiring the In-house baseball games, please contact our umpire coordinator at [michellekemp42@gmail.com](mailto:michellekemp42@gmail.com). CAA will be holding several Umpire Clinics for returning and new umpires (Age 13 & up). The first mandatory clinic will be held on **Tuesday, April 17 @ 6:30pm at Copley Middle School North Gym**. All interested participants should contact Michelle Kemp at [michellekemp42@gmail.com](mailto:michellekemp42@gmail.com) to pre-register.

## Team Sponsors Needed!!!

Each Spring/Summer, the CAA Baseball and Softball Programs form approximately 50 Recreational teams and 6 Travel Baseball teams. We are currently looking for Sponsors to support the 550+ youth players that participate in our program. If you know someone interested in becoming a sponsor or you have any questions regarding our sponsorships, contact Patrick Deagan or Rob Whitehouse. CAA reserves the right to decline sponsorships from businesses not deemed appropriate for youth sports teams.

**You can sponsor a team for only \$250 – and additional teams for only \$125 each.** We understand that businesses need to see a return on their sponsorship investment. That is why we prominently place the sponsors' names on team jerseys, post their names on our CAA website and strongly encourage our parents to support the businesses that support us. We also include a recognition plaque with a team picture as a thank you to our Sponsors.

### CAA Nite with the Cleveland Indians

Saturday, May 19 is CAA Youth Sports Night at Progressive Park. **Our special ticket price for the game is \$18 per ticket.** Lower reserved price is normally \$30 per ticket. The Cleveland Indians host the Miami Marlins (Game time 4:05pm). You can place your ticket order while registering your Son/Daughter for CAA Spring Sports or download a ticket order form from the CAA website at [www.playcaasports.com](http://www.playcaasports.com). Deadline for ordering tickets is May 4, 2012. Tickets will be distributed to you approximately 1 week prior to the game. This should be a fun night with friends and family, and a great chance to see the Cleveland Indians!!

**Cut this out and mail it in or simply add the number of tickets needed on the Baseball/Softball Registration**

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#### CAA NIGHT AT PROGRESSIVE FIELD EXCLUSIVE ORDER FORM

Saturday, May 19, 2012

Cleveland Indians vs. Miami Marlins

**Lower reserved seats in Right Field. Get there early to watch batting practice and maybe catch a home run ball!**

Total number of tickets ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Due (# of tix X \$17): \_\_\_\_\_

Mail forms and payment to:

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ League \_\_\_\_\_

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